

Angelus prayer

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among woman
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death
Amen.*

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary.....

V. And the Word was made flesh
R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary.....

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:
*Pour forth we beseech Thee, O Lord, thy Grace into our
hearts;
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ,
Thy Son, was made known
by the message of an angel,
may by His Passion and Cross be brought
to the glory of His Resurrection,
through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

ADVENT'S PRAYER

WEEK 1, HOPE

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.



English speaking Catholic Mission Archdiocese of Berlin

Sunday Bulletin

December 1, 2018

First Sunday of Advent Cycle C Missal no. 785



First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The Lord will fulfill his promises to Israel and Judah.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25:4-5,8-9,10,14

The Lord will teach us his paths.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be holy and to please God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Jesus teaches his disciples to be vigilant so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes in glory.

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Blessing of Advent's wreath and lighting the First Advent's candle

Today we begin the journey of Advent, a time of hope and anticipation of the coming of the Lord at Christmas, but also for Christ's second coming. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent.

LET US PRAY

Lord our God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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.Background on the Gospel Reading

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unending love for us in all circumstances.

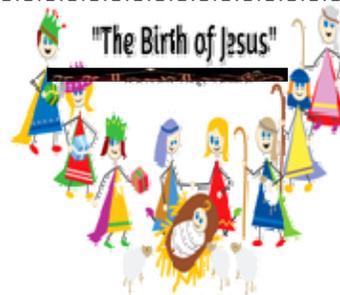
Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

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Come join us for Eucharistic Adoration, beginning with the Rosary and followed by silent adoration.

Those attending are given the opportunity to pray the Rosary in their native languages, while all respond in English.



NATIVITY PLAY

On December 24th evening (19:30) there will be our wonderful tradition of Nativity Play. Anyone interested in being in the play or parents helping with the play please contact Mrs. Maggie Repp after 11:00 Mass at St. Bernard's or send a mail to the Mission's Office: alsda46@aol.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- December 7 Youth's Mass and Eucharistic Adoration at Blessed Sacrament Chapel at All Saints- **Vigil Mass of the feast of Immaculate conception.**
- December 7, Christian Literature club: meditation on the Incarnation, 19:00
- December 8, Immaculate Conception, Pontifical Mass with the Archbishop 18:00 at St. John's Basilica, Lilienthalstr. 5, 10965 Berlin
- December 9, Special Advent Coffee Hour, with Cultural culinary Adventure at St. Bernard's
- December 15, 10 Hours Eucharistic Adoration
- December 16, Youth's Christmas Carols at St. Elisabeth 16:00
- December 22, Penance Service and Christmas confessions at St. Bernard's 18:00
- December 24th Nativity Play at St. Bernard's 19:30, Christmas Vigil Mass 20:00
- December 25, Christmas, Mass: 11:00 at St. Bernard's, 14:00 at St. Elisabeth
- December 26, Mass 11:00 at St. Bernard's, 13:30 at St. Bernard's (wedding Mass)
- December 31 End of the Year : Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration at St. Bernard's 19:00
- January 1, New Year's Mass: 11: at St. Bernard's, 14:00 at St. Elisabeth

General Information about the English-speaking Mission

- Our mission offers pastoral care for immigrants, religious education, catechism classes for 1st Holy Communion and confirmation, preparation for baptism (infants and adults) and marriage courses. Hospital and home visits can be arranged through the mission's office or the priests. For weddings please contact Father Sylvester Ajunwa 3 months in advance.
- Sunday Masses: St. Bernard's 11.00, 19.00; St. Elisabeth's 14.00; All Saints 10.00; Catholic Academy 10.30
- Confession: Sundays at St. Bernard's - 12.00, 18.30-19.00; at St. Elisabeth - 14.00; Fridays at All Saints 17.30
- Eucharistic Adoration at St. Bernard's 1st and 3rd Mondays 20.00-21.00

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